(c) The following schemes sanctioned during the Seventh Five Year Plan are at various stages of implementation by the State Government:—

1. Purchase of mini buses, wagonatee and elephants for Similipal Wildlife Sanctuary

2. Yatri Niwases at Satpada and Konark

3. Wayside facilities at Sunabeda, Taptapani, Angul, Rameshwar and Bhadrak

4. Toilet and drinking water facilities at Bhubaneswar and Konark (through Archaeological Survey of India)

It is expected that the above projects are likely to be completed during 1991-92.

Closing down of Madras Gold Collection Cum-delivery centre of the Indian Government mints

931. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to close down the Madras Gold Collection-Cum-Delivery Centre of the Indian Government Mints.

(b) whether the South India Jewellers Association has made a request to him in this regard saying that the Centre has been established only recently and that it would pick up business commensurate with its capacity gradually and should, therefore; not be closed; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) At prerent there is no such proposal to close down the Madras Gold-Collection-Cum-Delivery Centre.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Ninth Finance Commission's report

932. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ninth Finance Commission has refused to work out the recommend a scheme of Central transfers on the assumption that past trends would continue, calling it a "futile-exercise" as reported in an article in the Statesman of June 11, 1990;

(b) if so, what is the basis on which Government intend to effect such transfers in the future; and

(c) what decisions Government have taken on the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) In their concluding observations in para 10.1 of their Second Report, the Ninth Finance Commission have referred *inter alia* to the large and growing deficit on revenue account at the Centre and in the budget of several States and observed "in such a situation any attempt to work out a scheme of Central transfers on the assumption that past trends would or could continue was a futile exercise" The Commission adopted a normative approach as required under their terms of reference.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission (Second Report for the five years period commencing from 1st of April, 1990 have already been accepted by the Government.

Production capacity of security paper mill, Hoshangabad

933. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity and actual production of security and bank note paper at the Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad;

(b) whether it is sufficient to meet the increasng demand for currency and bank notes;